

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby ELECT, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-13.

The Restriction Requirement sets out three species election requirements: 1) elect a single species of target ligand; 2) elect a single species of generic ligand; and 3) elect one type of polypeptides: antibody or T cell receptor polypeptides. Applicants ELECT, with traverse, the following species: 1) target ligand species antigen; 2) generic ligand species superantigen; and 3) type of polypeptides, antibody.

This is the second Restriction Requirement issued in this application. Applicants traverse the restriction on the grounds, first, that the previous Restriction included the current Groups I and II in a single Group (original Group I), which Applicants duly elected. The amendments to the claims submitted at the time of the first election are not material to the new restriction. Thus, further restriction is not warranted by those amendments.

Second, Applicants submit that it would not be unduly burdensome in the context of a search under Group I, drawn to a method for selecting from a repertoire of polypeptides a population of folded polypeptides which bind target ligand, to search for methods wherein the members of such a repertoire are bound to the generic ligand in a method of detecting, immobilizing, purifying or immunoprecipitating. Applicants submit that claim 14, which constitutes Group II is dependent upon claim 1, in Group I. Thus, one must necessarily search for references teaching all elements of Group I in order to search Group II at all. Once one has necessarily searched for elements claimed in Group I, Applicants submit that it is not unduly burdensome to search the additional limitations set out in claim 14. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and rejoinder of the restricted Groups I and II.

New Claims:

Applicants submit that the new claims are supported throughout the specification. Further, Applicants submit that the new claims properly fall within the scope of Group I elected herein for the previous claims. Specifically, where Group I is drawn to a method for selecting a binding polypeptide from a repertoire of polypeptides, all of new claims 33-52 are drawn to a

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method of selecting a binding polypeptide from a repertoire of polypeptides.

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the new claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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